

LOUIS RIGBY  
Mayor  
BRANDON LUNSFORD  
Councilmember At Large A  
STEVE GILLET  
Councilmember At Large B  
DANNY EARP  
Councilmember District 1  
CHUCK ENGELKEN  
Councilmember District 2



BILL BENTLEY  
Councilmember District 3  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
THOMAS GARZA  
Councilmember District 4  
JAY MARTIN  
Councilmember District 5  
NANCY OJEDA  
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE  
MAY 11, 2020**

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

**Councilmembers present:** Louis Rigby, Brandon Lunsford, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin

**Councilpersons attending remotely:** Nancy Ojeda

**Councilmembers absent:** None

**Council-appointed officers present:** Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary; Clark T. Askins, Assistant City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES** - The invocation was given by Pastor Brumley of La Porte River of God Church and pledges were led by Councilperson Thomas Garza.

**3. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

- (a) Proclamation in recognition of Municipal Clerks Week. [Mayor Rigby]
- (b) Proclamation in recognition of National Public Works Week. [Mayor Rigby]
- (c) Proclamation in recognition of Emergency Medical Services Week. [Mayor Rigby]

**4. CITIZEN COMMENT** (*Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.*)

Chuck Rosa said he had been sharing City email addresses so members of the public could communicate with City officials.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA** (*Approval of Consent Agenda items authorizes each to be implemented in accordance with staff recommendations provided. An item may be removed from the consent agenda and added to the Statutory Agenda for full discussion upon request by a member of the Council present at this meeting.*)

- (a) Approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020, City Council meeting. [Mayor Rigby]
- (b) Adopt Ordinance 2020-3789 approving an amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget in the amount of \$99,345.00, to fund the replacement of a trash truck lost in accident. [Shelley Wolny, Treasurer]
- (c) Award Bid #20012 to Angel Brothers Enterprises Ltd. and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract establishing unit prices for asphalt street reconstruction and overlay in the amount of \$605,628.00 with a contingency amount of 24,372.00, for a total authorization of \$630,000.00. [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]



Item c was pulled by the City Manager. Councilperson Engelken moved to approve the consent agenda; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

## **6. STATUTORY AGENDA**

- (a) Presentation, discussion, and possible action to consider the appointments and seating of regular and alternate members of the La Porte Zoning Board of Adjustment. [Mayor Rigby]**

Councilperson Garza moved to move Phillip Hoot to Position 1, Pat McCabe to Alternate 1, and John Blakemore to Alternate 2; the motion was adopted, 9-0.

## **7. REPORTS**

- (a) Receive FY 2019-20 second quarter Capital Improvement Plan program update. [Jason Weeks, Assistant City Manager]**

Public Works Director Ray Mayo confirmed the Copeland Project was at 60% of design and that it tied in with the Lomax Lift Station Project, also at 60% of design, saying he expected the remainder might take four months, with groundbreaking in the next year. Mr. Mayo noted the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) had only just released the rest of the funding and that the environmental assessment had taken about six months to be completed.

Mr. Mayo said the Main Street Sidewalks work was proceeding both with the contractor and in-house crews. He confirmed the drainage interconnect at the lakes was complete and was complimented on the Sylvan and Jefferson paving projects. Mr. Weeks said the City Hall conference room project had been on hold until after Saturday's retreat and that it was now being considered for the Planning area. Mrs. Epting confirmed the playground was done at MLK Park and the work at Northwest Pool was almost complete. Mr. Mayo confirmed the Five Points restroom and pavilion design was in progress. Mr. Mayo said currently he believed that the plan for a new Public Works Building would be on the same property and would allow the department to continue working in the existing building while construction was underway. Mrs. Epting confirmed the City has planted and is maintaining the planters on Main Street. Mr. Mayo said the drainage project on 6<sup>th</sup> Street had been funded and was being broken into two phases and that the next phase of 7<sup>th</sup> Street was about 70% through design.

- (b) Receive report on the Drainage and Flooding Committee meeting. [Councilperson Martin]**

Councilperson Martin shared that the Committee received reports and updates and will be bringing a recommendation to move forward on design for several projects.

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- **Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, May 21**
- **Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, May 28**
- **Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting, June 8**
- **City Council meeting, June 8**
- **City Council meeting, June 22**

City Manager Corby Alexander said there were no reports.

- 9. COUNCIL COMMENT Hear announcements concerning matters appearing on the agenda; items of community interest; and/or inquiries of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policy from the Mayor, Councilmembers, and City staff, for which no formal action will be discussed or taken.**

Councilpersons expressed hope that citizens would soon be able to physically rejoin meetings; encouraged Councilpersons to consider holding tonight's executive session in open session; asked that

Council consider livestreaming Council meetings; addressed the ability of Councilpersons to give direction to the City Manager; congratulated and effusively thanked the departments recognized with proclamations; thanked staff for the CIP update; asked about City parks reopening; thanked the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the National Day of Prayer; thanked the City Manager and Code Enforcement for working with Dollar General on a needed mowing project; and asked for a placeholder to cooperate with a local residential area on addressing potholes.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

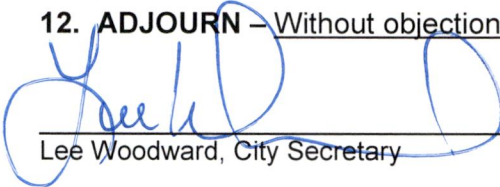
- (a) **City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074-personnel matters - for deliberation related to the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee - regarding City Manager Corby Alexander.**

Councilperson Garza moved that the executive session discussion be held in open session; the motion was not adopted, 7-2, Councilpersons Garza and Gillett voting in favor. The Council adjourned to executive session at 7:04 p.m. Councilperson Gillett did not attend.

**11. RECONVENE into regular session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.**

The Council reconvened into open session at 7:50 p.m. Councilperson Earp moved that Councilpersons not be permitted to use the City Zoom account for personal reasons, or for any reason unless approved by a vote of the City Council; the motion was adopted, 7-1, Councilperson Garza voting against and Councilperson Gillett abstaining.

**12. ADJOURN** – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary